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# Annual bittersweet ritual as Aruban youth depart for Holland and higher learning



highest level of academia, VWO, eased the tension with humor and funny hats.

The excitement in the air is tangible, as youngsters have been in preparation for this day for several weeks, with the assistance of various government agencies that attempt to prepare them for life away from Aruba with counseling and housing. Upon arrival in Holland, they will be met by Aruban officials who will see them to their various cities and individual schools and residences.

This day of departure is a landmark day each year for the entire community, as it celebrates a new crop of graduates taking this momentous step towards adulthood.

THE MORNING NEWS wishes all the new students



Tim Kross, Aruba's top VWO student far left, with friends

bon voyage and "Hopi Exito!" (Great Success) at school! **By Rosalie Klein**  (See more photos inside on page 5)



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Arriving vacationers were greeted with a remarkable sight yesterday afternoon as they witnessed a poignant rite of passage for island youth that takes place every August; the departure of hundreds of students to Holland to continue their studies at universities and technical schools.

Aruban educational agencies charter a plane each year to take more than 200 youngsters to The Netherlands,

many of them going abroad for the first time in their lives.

It is a bittersweet moment for the students and their families, filled with hope as their children pursue an education and a degree, but copious tears on both parts as youngsters leave the nest and the familiar comforts of home.

Tim Kross, who is Aruba's top student this year, attaining the highest grades in the

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#### TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

# Outpouring of sympathy for Norway's Labour after massacre

OSLO (AFP) - With his deadly attacks targeting Norway's Labour Party, Anders Behring Breivik said he aimed to halt its recruitment, but instead the party has seen a flood of sympathy and growing support since the massacre.

"Voters who voted for Labour in the last elections but who were in doubt about whether they should vote have returned en masse to the Labour Party," political scientist Frank Aarebrot told the paper.

Local elections are scheduled in Norway on September 12, while parliamentary elections will be held in 2013.

The party was the main target of Behring Breivik's rampage, as he first set off a powerful car bomb outside the

Oslo offices of the centre-left government before opening fire at the party's youth summer camp on the Utoeya island near the capital.

Seventy-seven people were killed in the two attacks.

The Synovate poll of 500 people between July 29-30 dealt a blow to the 32-year-old rightwing extremist, who during his first appearance before a judge last Monday said he had wanted to "deal the Labour Party the biggest possible losses to strangle its recruitment".

In a 1,500-page manifesto sent out prior to the attacks, Behring Breivik, a radical Islamaphobe, held the party responsible for creating a multicultural society in Norway.

He has said he carried out the attacks on his own, something investigators say is appearing more and more credible, but he has also mentioned "two other cells in Norway" and a number of others abroad.

The populist right Progress Party, of which Behring Breivik had been a member until 2006, meanwhile lost three points, landing at 16.5-percent support in Sunday's poll.

Party leader Siv Jensen has tried to distance herself and her party from the killer.

Behring Breivik is being held in isolation in a high-security prison, and two psychiatrists are set to begin assessing this week whether he is legally insane, as prosecutors seek to bring him to trial next year.

They are expected to report their findings by November 1.

#### Pope urges end to 'indifference' over Somalia famine



CASTELGANDOLFO, (AFP)
- The pope on Sunday urged the world not to be "indifferent" to the Horn of Africa famine, as the African Union prepares to host a donors conference for victims on August 9.

Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the suffering of millions in the region hit by its worst drought in decades in an address to hundreds of pilgrims at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, just outside Rome.

"We must not be indifferent to the tragedy of the hungry and the thirsty," the pontiff said following the weekly Angelus prayer.

"Many brothers and sisters in the Horn of Africa are suffering these days from the dramatic consequences of the famine, aggravated by war and the lack of stable institutions," he said, calling for "compassion" and "fraternal solidarity".

The United Nations has declared a famine in two regions of southern Somalia but the effects of the drought have been felt more widely across the war-torn country, as well as in parts of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda.

The deputy chair of the African Union meanwhile said the body will host a donors conference bringing together African heads of state, members of regional economic blocs and international organisations in Addis Ababa on August 9.

The AU has donated \$500,000 to address the crisis in the Horn of Africa but the United Nations said on Friday a total of \$2.48 billion was required in order to reach the 12.4 million people affected.

Ongoing violence between Somalia's Islamist al-Shebab militants and pro-government troops has exacerbated the food crisis.

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## US, Europe warn Assad over Syria crackdown

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama and European leaders condemned a crackdown Sunday by Syrian forces, which activists said killed nearly 140 people, and vowed to increase pressure on the regime.

Italy's Foreign Minister Franco Frattini also called for an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council, while the European Union denounced the timing of the violence coming on the eve of the holy month of Ramadan.

Human rights groups said Syrian forces had killed nearly 140 people on Sunday as President Bashar al-Assad crushed dissent on the eve of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Of those killed, about 100 died when the army stormed the flashpoint city of Hama, they said.

EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton condemned the "totally unjustified assault" in a statement Sunday.

"The Syrian army and security forces have the duty to protect citizens, not to massacre them indiscriminately."

France and other Europe nation also condemned the bloodshed.

UN leader Ban Ki-moon on called on Syria's President Bashar al-Assad to halt a military offensive on dissenters a UN spokesman said.

Ban strongly condemned the action by Assad who has been refusing to take the UN leader's calls for several weeks.

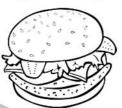
Ban reaffirmed Syria's obligation to respect human rights, including the freedom to demonstrate peacefully and urged Assad "to listen to the legitimate aspirations of the population."

Activists say Sunday's offensive in Syria is one of the deadliest since demonstrators first took to the streets on March 15 demanding democratic reforms.

Syrian forces killed nearly 140 people, including at least 100 when the army stormed the flashpoint protest city of Hama to crush dissent on the eve of Ramadan, activists said.

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# Positive changes expected on the labor front

As of today, the new Department for Labor Progression is in operation from their new premises at Seroe Blanco. The new organization that was created from within the Department of Labor will be totally focused on helping the client, helping those seeking advice and/or assistance. The entire process will be changed from what it was previously.

In the past when a person went looking for a job, they had to register at Job Center. There they would receive a list of the available job openings up to that day. If a day later someone went and notified them of another job opening, the person who was there the day before was not called and notified of this new opening. Hence, he does not get a chance at applying for that job opening.

That situation is now a thing of the past. There is now a modern computerized system in place. In the new system, if an employer registers the need for a carpenter, for example, a list of all those who registered for a carpenter's job will appear on the screen. This system applies for every job function imaginable.

There will also be a change internally regarding the manner in which employers and job seekers used deception in the past. There is a new form to be filled out by jobseekers and for every vacancy there is they will call everyone who registered. The person then goes to DPL to receive 3 copies of the form he filled out with which he goes to the employer. This form is then filled out together with the employer stating the exact reason(s) why the jobseeker was or was not hired. Each party keeps a copy of the form which they both must submit to the department of Labor Services. In the event the employer fails to submit this document on 3 occasions, he is placed on a "yellow list" which means he will not be assisted in the future. In the past the practice from many employers was they would report that no one was interested in the job or that those who applied were not suited for the

In the event a job seeker fails to submit the form on 3 occasions, he likewise will be placed on the "yellow list" and would not be assisted in the future. This applies to

those who apparently do not want to work, but want to remain on welfare. This means that if a person gets the opportunity to become employed and refuses to take a job he will be banned from the welfare system.

In the event there is a dispute with the employer and job seeker as to why he could not have been employed, DPL will intervene together with the jobseeker to personally ascertain what exactly the situation is why he could not be employed.

With the new system and work process, the Minister is convinced that they will have eliminated about 80% of the fictitious job openings. It will cancel out the jobseeker who files a request for work but in reality does not want to work, and the employer who advertises the need for an employee but who in reality is not looking for an employee; he wants to keep the person he has and wants an extension on his work permit or already has someone lined up for the job. The phenomena of fictitous vacancies are very common today, and that they will eliminate this, according to the Minister of Labor.

# **Brant Blair Doubles his Win at Cool Casino**





Palm Beach -- Brant Blair, a guest of the Occidental Grand Aruba, walked over to Cool Casino, at the Riu Palace and won a \$5,000 jackpot. A few days later he again sauntered over to the neighboring property and claimed an even bigger win, a \$5,628 jackpot.

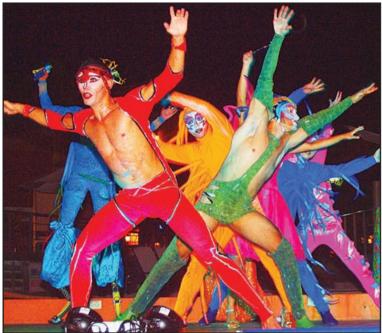
Cool Casino had just recently celebrated its 4th anniversary with a flurry of activities and give-aways. Cool Casino boasts the latest generation of slot machines and while it is only four years old, it has just undergone a total make-over of the gaming floor, and players are amazed at the variety of new machines, including progressives and video poker offered in all denominations with paybacks varying in frequency and size, amounting to many thousands of dollars!

The latest in electronic and video slot machines in the world is now available at the Riu's elegant Cool Casino, and players are served complimentary beverages while having fun and winning.





## Enjoy fantastical Thursdays at Love is in Paseo Herencia in Palm Beach



Ritmo Cubano troupe



visitors enjoying the show



The fire dance

#### Aside from a diversity of dining options, and an exciting array of high quality stores, Paseo Herencia shopping center is also known for its wealth of cultural and historical exhibits and exciting entertainment. On Thursday, July 28, a new show was added to their roster of weekly events, "Ritmo Cubano" a fantastical mix of fabulous costumes and make-up, acrobatics, magic and some fun "clowning around"

Every Thursday, beginning at 8:00 PM, the "Ritmo Cubano" crew will repeat their stylish and fascinating performance in Paseo Herencia's amphitheater; it is a program with a great deal of audience participation and ample photo ops-an utterly enjoyable hour for all ages.

with the audience.

This fabulous new show joins the mall's other regularly scheduled free events, such as Monday evening's Cultural Show and the nightly "Waltzing Waters." Various venues, such as Iguana Cantina, offer a spectacular spot for watching the entertainment while enjoying dinner. The center is known for such family oriented eateries, including A Taste of Heaven and TGI Friday's, but also offers elegant gourmet dining at Zissles, Taste of Belgium and Nobushi, which can now be combined on Thursdays with a terrific show; all in one convenient location.

"Ritmo Cubano" is great family entertainment, and you can't beat the price!

by Rosalie Klein

# the Air .....



Love is in the air on our beautiful Island! Courtney & Jean-Paul celebrated with family and friends their coming marriage on Aruba by partying on the Kukoo Kunuku Party Bus. The party started at the Lighthouse with the Champagne toast at sunset, it was a great beginning to a fabulous night of celebration. After an evening of dancing, romancing and having fun "Mr. Smooth" made sure everyone got safely home. The crew wishes the couple a lifetime of happiness!!!



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Farewell hugs



Stanley sees off the first of 3 daughters

#### **Sci-Tech**

# NASA's Juno to circle Jupiter for 'planetary recipe'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US space agency plans to launch this week a solar-powered spacecraft called Juno that will journey to the gassy planet of Jupiter in search of how the huge, stormy giant was formed.

The \$1.1 billion unmanned orbiter is scheduled for launch on August 5 -- the start of a five-year odyssey toward the solar system's most massive planet in the hopes that it will be able to circle Jupiter for a period of a year.

With its fiery red eye and a mass greater than all planets in the solar system combined, excluding the Sun, Jupiter is intriguing to astronomers because it is believed to be the first planet that took shape around the Sun.

"After the Sun formed, it got the majority of the leftovers," said Scott Bolton, Juno principal investigator and scientist at the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas.

"And that is why it is very interesting to us -- if we want to go back in time and understand where we came from and how the planets were made, Jupiter holds this se-

cret," he said.

"So we want to know that ingredient list. What we are really after is discovering the recipe for making planets."

Juno aims to get closer to Jupiter than any other NASA spacecraft and will be the first to undertake a polar orbit of the planet, said Bolton.

In 1989, NASA launched Galileo, an orbiter and probe that entered the planet's orbit in 1995 and plunged into Jupiter in 2003, ending its life.

Its trip to Jupiter, set to begin on August 5 when the launch window opens at 11:34 am (1534 GMT), will not be a direct shot, according to Jan Chodas, Juno project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

"We launch from Earth in August, we swing out past the orbit of Mars, we do a couple of deep space maneuvers to fire the engine," Chodas told reporters.

Juno then heads back toward Earth, "and we do a flyby of Earth of about 500 kilometers in October 2013, and then we slingshot ourselves out towards Jupiter arriving in July 2016," she said.



## Microsoft ordered to pay \$70 million to Alcatel

(AFP)--A US federal jury on Friday ordered Microsoft to pay \$70 million to French telecom company Alcatel-Lucent in a patent infringement case.

The US software giant had been ordered to pay \$358 million to Alcatel-Lucent by a different court but the damages award was thrown out on appeal.

The US appeals court upheld the lower court's ruling that Microsoft had infringed a patent involved with selecting the date in Outlook and other programs but asked for a recalculation of the damages in the case.

The new jury, sitting in the US District Court for the Southern District of California, ruled Friday that Microsoft should pay \$70 million for infringing a patent held by Lucent Technologies.

Microsoft was found to have infringed the Lucent patent between January 2003 and December 2006 in versions of Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft Money and Windows Mobile.

The firm then known only as Lucent filed a 15-patent suit in 2003 against computer makers Dell and Gateway for allegedly selling machines with Microsoft software that used Lucent technology without permission.

## Pregnancy announcements added as a new option on Facebook



Earlier this week, Facebook added an option to user profiles that allows expectant mothers to add their upcoming child to the family circle. Mothers or fathers can add the chosen name for the unborn baby as well as the due date under the "Friends and Family" tab. While a new profile isn't created or needed to add the upcoming child, the standard non-picture Facebook avatar appears on the user page along with information about the child. After adding the information, it appears in the Facebook news feed for all friends to view. (AFP photo)

## Yep, it is the smart cart!



Quite possibly the dream for an extreme couponer, SK Telecom launched a test program of grocery carts with a tablet computer mounted on the handle at China's Shanghai Lotus supermarket. After a user downloads the free "smart cart" application to a smartphone, the tablet PC on the cart is synced to the phone. On the smartphone app, users can create a shopping list as well as search for store coupons, weekly discounts or product information.

After syncing, the tablet has the ability to guide the user around the store and highlight the products on the shopping list.

The tablets are networked through the store's Wi-Fi and uses indoor positioning technology to alert the consumer of products and discounts as they come within a few feet of the product. It also provides an in-store map that guides the user around the store to locate everything on the shopping list.

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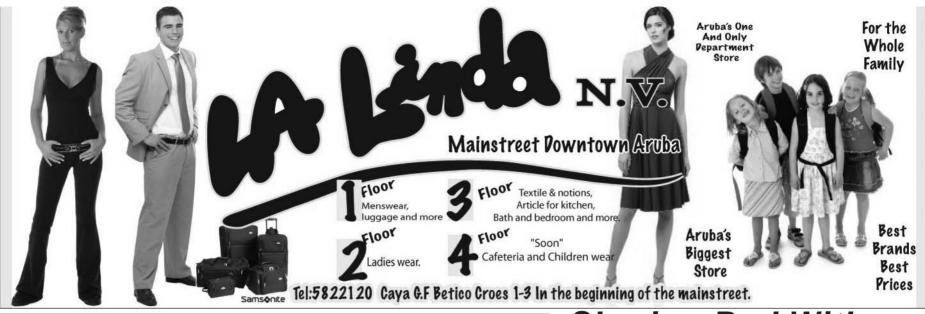
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# Bill Gates, Barcelona on same side against polio



Bill Gates (C), Co-Chair of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, pictured here with Sandro Rosell i Feliu (L), President of FC Barcelona, and Josep Guardiola manager of FC Barcelona, holding a team jersey during a press conference to announce a partnership for an attempt to eradicate polio

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Barcelona took on what could be its toughest rival ever, teaming up with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to try to eradicate polio.

Flanked by players Andres Iniesta and Seydou Keita, the club's manager Josep Guardiola and Microsoft co-founder turned philanthropist Bill Gates announced a three-year partnership against the crippling disease in Washington, with vaccination a key part of the fight.

"Just as football is a universal sport with the power to transform lives, vaccines are a universal tool with the power to save lives," Guardiola said.

The disease once crippled children worldwide and killed 350,000 children in 1988.

That was the year that a global effort was kicked off to try to make the disease only the second after smallpox to be eradicated, and today there are just four countries -- Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan -- where polio transmission has never been stopped.

"We have the chance to score a big win against polio, but we need loud and passionate voices to join the fight," Gates said at the launch.

"FC Barcelona's commitment to using sport for social good will help us rally support for vaccines and end polio once and for all," he said.

Barcelona will mobilize its fanbase, including 18 million Facebook fans, in the fight against polio.

"When fans yell 'Finish it!' it can be very powerful. We'd like to take that same energy and help finish polio once and for all," said Guardiola.

The partnership allows the Gates Foundation to use images and video of Barcelona to support polio awareness efforts.

The two parties will use their own financial resources to fund marketing and promotional activities and will not be compensated for their partnership efforts.

#### Incense, bath salts ban goes into effect next month

--A state ban on a product called "herbal incense" and "bath salts," which commonly are sold at convenience stores under the guise of household products goes into effect Sept. 1. Authorities said, it's product that some use to get high.

The "bath salts" drug is really a powder that is snorted, injected or smoked, and is scientifically known as Methylenedioxypyrovalernone (MDVP). The drug is a powerful synthetic stimulant, similar chemically to cocaine and methamphetamine. It can cause paranoia, hallucinations and delusions in users.

.Thirty-four states that have outlawed bath salts, according to a statement by U.S. Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y. Schumer introduced legislation that would add MDPV and mephedrone to a list of controlled substances to stop legal sales of bath salts. The legislation passed the Senate Judiciary Committee, clearing the way for a vote on the Senate floor.

# Sharing Bed With Toddler Won't Harm Development: Study



-- Allowing your toddler to share your bed does not lead to behavioral or learning problems down the road, new research suggests.

"The American Academy of Pediatrics currently advises against bed-sharing during the first year of life, due to increased risk of SIDS [sudden infant death syndrome]," noted study co-author Lauren Hale, an associate professor of preventive medicine in the Graduate Program of Public Health at the State University of New York, Stony Brook. "However, very little research has investigated the potential developmental consequences bed-sharing during toddlerhood," she added.

"We found that, after adjusting for mother and child characteristics, there were no observed cognitive or behavioral differences between children who bed-share and those who don't," Hale said.

The team's current effort focused on 944 low-income fam-

ilies who had at least one child under the age of 1 at the start of the study.

Participants included roughly equal amounts of boys and girls. Among the children's mothers, about 30 percent were black, 25 percent were Hispanic and almost 40 percent were white.

The authors visited each family as the children turned 1, 2 and 3, at which point the mothers provided information on their child's health, parenting routines and sleeping arrangements. At age 5, all of the children underwent cognitive and behavioral testing, with a focus on math and literacy skill evaluations along with an assessment of the hyperactivity levels and social skills.

The researchers found that black and Hispanic families were more likely to bed-share with their toddlers than were white families.

Regardless, after controlling for a host of factors (including child gender, birth weight, ethnicity, economic status and maternal education) the authors found no link between toddlers who bed-shared and the onset of either cognitive or behavioral problems by the age of 5.

Hale said the findings suggest that bed-sharing is not necessarily a bad idea for tod-dlers



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# "NASA is at a crossroads right now," opines Aruban-born NASA engineer Dr. Edward Cheung



Dr Edward Cheung at final launch of Endeavor

Dr. Edward Cheung has spent his entire career as a robotics specialist with NASA, which also funded his scholarship to Yale University to obtain his PhD in Electrical Engineering. In 1990, a recruiter from NASA observed his doctorate dissertation, resulting in a summer job at Kennedy Space Center, and the start of his career with NASA, where for many years he was Principal Engineer of the Hubble Space Telescope Service Project. Since the last mission to Hubble in May 2009, Dr. Cheung and his team have focused their talents and expertise to a new project with Ed holding the position of Robotic Refueling Mission Electrical Lead.

The RRM goal is to refuel communications and weather satellites while in orbit, and their experimental equipment went to the International Space Station with the last launching of the Atlantis on July 8. Ed was very much involved in this final mission, acting as a presenter in the "Tweet Tent" on the day of the launch, when millions came to witness this last historic take off of a manned orbiter from Kennedy Space Center in Florida. "I was surrounded by people who had, for a large part of their lives, been part of the space shuttle program," he recounts, "and afterwards, at Goddard and Marshal while following the final landing on July 21st. I had a moment, as I watched Atlantis climb, of amazement, and when it was all over, a feeling that if I

could at that moment wave a magic wand allowing the shuttle program to continue, I would be a hero to the NASA people with me. Of course, these were the shuttle people, there are many NASA projects, and those working on others may not feel the same as we all did at that moment, but for us it was the sad passing of an era. I also feel for the people who work on the shuttles in the "garage," the OPM, as it is their job to take a perfectly functioning space vehicle and make it the opposite; what a difficult job that must be, emotionally. They are working themselves out of a job.'

The RRM project will be entirely controlled by Dr. Cheung and his team from the ground, and he recently returned to his home base of Goddard Space Center in Maryland from Marshall Space Center in Alabama, which will be working in conjunction with the RRM team.

NASA has several ongoing projects for space exploration and the improvement of aeronautics, including ways to make aircraft safer and more

environmentally responsible. Dr. Cheung's project will double the life of satellites, which at present are sent to a "space junkyard" once they have expended the fuel tanks filled at launch. His team is also developing the robotics to effect repairs on satellites, which will save millions of dollars, as it will not require the launch of replacement equipment. He admits his team is uniquely qualified for this sort of project because of decades on the Hubble Space Telescope, which saw numerous repairs and improvements (sometimes on an emergency basis) that required resourcefulness and innovative thinking. Presently, he feels they have the best team possible for this mission, and their years of camaraderie and cooperation have helped them to recognize and balance each others' strengths and weaknesses. "There is enormous trust here; when someone has an idea, we know to go with it." Their technological advances will be passed onto commercial spaceflight operations such as Boeing and Lockheed.

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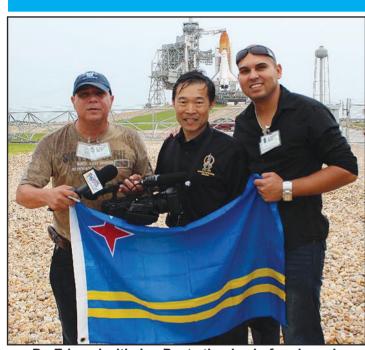
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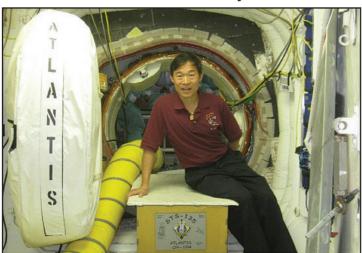
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#### ASA is at a crossroads now,".....

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Dr. Edward with Jan Poets the day before launch



at the hatch of the Atlantis

"I want to be honest about the crossroads where NASA stands at present," states Dr. Cheung. "One only has to turn on the news to hear all the issues about the budget and the deficits, which is very bad timing for NASA. We are finding ourselves needing to make decisions regarding the next launch vehicle, which is really difficult in this environment." At the beginning of 2011, The House Appropriations Committee aimed to enact big spending cuts that would re-

duce NASA's proposed \$19 billion budget for 2011 by \$578 million as part of a wider plan to trim \$100 billion from the national budget, according to Space News. That would be a \$303 million drop from the previous year. Space exploration supporters hope the 2012 budget request would increase NASA's budget and fund it at levels adequate to accomplish the goals set forth in the NASA Authorization Act passed by Congress and signed into law October 2010.



Launch Day with Actor Seth Green, who is very proud of his RRM pin

The act recommended the agency receive a yearly budget of \$19.45 billion – \$750 million more than the 2012 budget blueprint proposes. NASA is not under the Defense Budget, which receives the greatest funding.

"NASA's budget is definitely at risk now, and it is tough to say what will happen over the next few years, or even the next few months. I am pretty confident my team is part of the layer that doesn't have to worry about what will happen at NASA, I believe their experience and capabilities and mine personally, are quite valuable right now.'

Though a number of Dr. Cheung's colleagues have moved into the private sector, which may offer higher pay grades, he and his team feel the "esprit de corps" of being a part of NASA, often in the forefront of developing and advancing the technology for space exploration. He also commented he does not feel inclined to join the team of the James Webb Space Telescope project, his years with the HST have made him a confirmed "Hubble Hugger," and being such an integral part of that groundbreaking project is something that he will always treasure.

by Rosalie Klein



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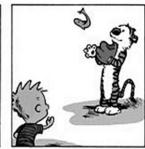
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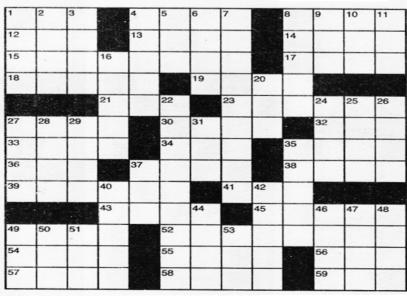
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#### **Finance**

#### White House and lawmakers, close in on debt deal

WASHINGTON (AFP) With barely two days to act, US President Barack Obama and top lawmakers closed in Sunday in on an ambitious deal to avert a disastrous debt default sure to sow chaos in the fragile world economy.

"We are very close," Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell told CNN amid frantic beat-theclock talks among the White House, its Democratic allies, and its Republican foes.

Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid was also hopeful Sunday that an 11th-hour breakthrough in the months-long impasse over raising the nation's \$14.3 trillion debt ceiling was in the

Senior Obama adviser David Plouffe indicated on NBC television there was an emerging consensus but no solid agreement yet.

Business and finance leaders have warned default would send crippling after-shocks through the fragile US economy, still wrestling with stubbornly high unemployment of 9.2 percent in the wake of the 2008 global melt-

Without a deal, the US government would have to cut an estimated 40 cents out of every dollar it spends, forcing grim choices between defaulting or cutting back programs like those that help the poor, disabled and elderly.

Any compromise would still need to clear the divided Democratic-led Senate and Republican-held House of Representatives.

#### Cuban leader to review state of economic reforms

HAVANA (AFP) - Cuban President Raul Castro begins his sixth year in office Monday with a session with parliament to discuss implementation of his reforms to allow small private businesses to operate in the communist country.

Poor economic results, poor planning, and bureaucratic disarray have dominated the discussions, according to Cuban press reports. Although there was no official announcement, Castro was expected to address the session on the progress made on his plans to eliminate a million public sector jobs and create new jobs by allowing small private business to operate

In recent months, the number of privately employed workers has grown from 148,000 to 326,000, while another 146,000 people have been given the use of stateowned land for farming to offset food shortages.

But Cuba will still import 80 percent of the food it consumes this year at a cost of \$1.5 billion.

Small business operators, meanwhile, complain that supplies are difficult to obtain because wholesale markets do not exist in Cuba.

In response, the government has allocated \$300 million for imports of equipment and other material to meet demand for them by the private businesses.eep fryers, toasters, coffee makers and other equip-

It also lifted a ban on the sale of consumer appliances in effect since 2003, to satisfy demand from business for items like ovens, air conditioners, deep fryers, toasters, coffee makers and other equipment.

Central Bank President Ernesto Medina, in a report to parliament, has promised to improve access to credit for small businesses and farmers and to finance home improvement and construction proj-

#### **Brazil warns it won't be** left behind in currency war

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazilian Finance Minister Guido Mantega warned Sunday that Brazil could not afford to be left behind in a global game of currency manipulation for competitive advantage.

"The whole world is fighting for markets out there, and one way to do that is with currency manipulation, by depreciating currency. We cannot be left behind in this game," he said in an interview with O Estado de Sao Paulo.

The Brazilian real this week rose to 1.53 to the dollar, its highest level in the 12 years since it adopted a free exchange system in January

Brazil has accused the United States and China of artificially lowering the value of their currencies, driving up the

value of the real.

The stronger real undercuts the competiveness of Brazilian exports while fueling imports. In response, the government plans to unveil a policy this week aimed at stimulating the country's industrial sector.

Mantega promised "rigorous regulation" of imports entering the country at artificially low prices, and charged that many countries with which Brazil has antidumping agreements were routing their exports through third countries.

He said while a sharp decline in the value of the dollar against the real would help curb inflation in Brazil, "it would finish off the national industry."

#### Iran says oil row with India resolved

TEHRAN (AFP) -Iran's oil ministry said on Sunday a five-billion-dollar oil payments dispute with India has been resolved without any interruption of crude exports.

"Following bilateral negotiations, the two sides agreed to settle the outstanding bills as soon as possible," National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) managing director Ahmad Ghalebani told the ministry's website SHANA.

"Part of the arrears will be paid in the next few days and the remaining part will be paid by the Indian customers gradually," he said.

Ghalebani said "oil exports to India are continuing" as usual, without giving details.

month it would halt exports to India from next month unless the payments dispute was resolved.

Indian Oil Minister S. Jaipal Reddy said that New Delhi expects to pay via Turkey its first tranche of arrears to Iran, which supplies 12 percent of energy-hungry India's crude oil needs.

India is Iran's second largest client after China, and absorbs about 20 percent of the Islamic republic's crude exports.

However, Indian firms have been struggling for more than six months to pay Tehran because of international banking sanctions imposed on Tehran over its controversial programme of uranium enrichment.

Iran has been slapped by six UN Security Council resolutions, including four backed by sanctions, condemning its nuclear programme that the major powers and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) suspect has a military dimension, despite repeated

The United States has also slapped its own unilateral sanctions on Iranian banks, posing risks for foreign companies that deal with them.

Annual trade between India and Iran stands at an estimated \$12 billion, with India buying about 400,000 barrels of Iranian crude per day.

#### Strike ends at Chile's Collahuasi copper mine

SANTIAGO (AFP) - The world's third-largest copper mine resumed full operations Sunday after a 24-hour strike by workers demanding improved benefits, the Collahuasi mine's management and union said.

"Operations are proceeding normally and the change of shift this morning was carried out in the usual fashion, after a small group of workers, led by some union leaders, tried to halt operations on Saturday," the company said in a state-

A union source told AFP workers were back on the job after a 24-hour "warning strike."

The source expressed hope a union petition would resume in the coming days.

The company said most workers had reported for duty on Sunday and there had been little impact on production.

Collahuasi, owned by

duction. Last year, it produced 504,000 tonnes of copper.

Separately, the world's largest copper mine Minera Escondida, owned by BHP-Billinton, went into the 10th day of a strike by workers demanding a production-linked

Chile supplies 33 percent of the mineral on international markets, making it the world's largest copper producer. But rising copper prices have been accompanied by labor unrest as unions press for higher wages and benefits.

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## Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time

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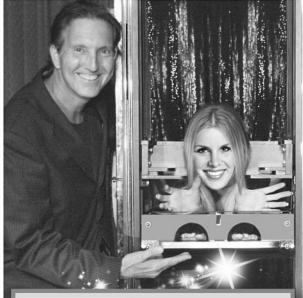
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# Edinburgh's Royal Wedding



EDINBURGH: Zara Phillips, Prince William's cousin, and Mike Tindall, captain of England's rugby team, were married on a glorious, sunny day in historic Edinburgh Saturday. Phillips and Tindall hosted a glitzy cocktail party for relatives and guests aboard the former royal yacht Britannia, which they had hired for the occasion. The famous ship, once used by the queen to tour the world, was decommissioned in 1997. The Queen's eldest granddaughter Zara Phillips who is 13th in line to the throne but does not use a royal title and Tindall were greeted by an estimated crowd of 6000 flag-waving well-wishers and the sound of traditional bagpipes as they left their wedding service following a private ceremony. The couple's honeymoon has been postponed because both are due to feature in major events next week; the bride in horse trials, and the groom in England's rugby international against Wales.

AFP/Photo

# Judge backs Lopez over home video row with ex



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A US appeal court sided with superstar Jennifer Lopez on Friday in a privacy dispute with her ex-husband over the use of the former couple's home videos.

The singer and actress, who annnounced last week

that she was splitting from actor husband Marc Anthony, is seeking \$10 million from her ex, Ojani Noa, and writer Ed Meyer.

Lopez says the video footage, which is not of a sexual nature, contains private information about her and her relationship with Noa, whom she married in 1997 but divorced 11 months later.

The 42-year-old, who originally sued Noa and Meyer in November 2009, alleges that the pair plan to make a movie she says is to be called "How I Married Jennifer Lopez: The J. Lo and Ojani Noa Story."

Noa and Meyer deny they seven years of marriage.

are planning a tell-all movie and say it would not have the title stated in the lawsuit.

On Friday a three-justice panel of the 2nd District Court of Appeal, reversing a lower court's ruling, said Lopez can force Noa and Meyer to resolve the case by arbitration.

The lawsuit was the second Lopez filed against Noa after their divorce: in 2007 she won \$545,000 and legal costs for breach of contract over a planned ghostwritten tell-all book.

The book, which was blocked from being published, reportedly recounted how Lopez had had multiple affairs, including with her current husband Marc Anthony whom she is now leaving after seven years of marriage.



## Super Tseng defends British Open in style



CARNOUSTIE (AFP) - Taiwan's Yani Tseng confirmed she is the best player in the world by staging a successful defence of the Women's British Open at Carnoustie on Sunday with a four-shot triumph.

The 22-year-old collected her fifth major -- the youngest player to achieve the feat -- with a final round 69 and a 16 under par 272 total.

She won by a comfortable four shots from American Brittany Lang, who closed with a 67.

Sweden's Sophie Gstafson, the 2000 champion, claimed third place on 11 under after a 68 and South Korea's Amy Yang was fourth on 11 under with a closing 67.

It was Tseng's second major of the season - she won the LPGA Championship by 10 shots last month - and extended her lead at the head of the world rankings.

Tseng started the final round two shots behind Caroline Masson, but with the young German succumbing to the pressure, she took the

lead by the time she had made her second birdie of the day at the long sixth.

She was four ahead at the turn and only made a slight stumble with bogeys at the 12th, where she hit her approach through the green, and at the short 13th, when she was unlucky to hit the pin with her tee shot and ricocheted into a horrible lie on the egde of a bunker.

But with no one else mounting a serious threat, the powerful Tseng regained control with birdies at the long 14th and 17th and a five foot putt for birdie at the 18th was the icing on the cake that earned the £239,000 first prize.

prize.

"I feel so good," said a smiling Tseng. "This is a great place to win my second British Open because there is so much history attached to the course.

Tseng is three years younger than when Patty Berg won her fifth major in 1943 and she is now halfway to matching former world No.1 Annika Sorenstam's total of ten.

The Swede captured her tenth when she was 35.

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## Dravid says role reversal led to Bell recall

NOTTINGHAM, July 31, 2011 (AFP) - India great Rahul Dravid said the thought of "what if it was one of our guys?" was behind the recall of Ian Bell after the England batsman's self-confessed naivety saw him initially run out in bizarre fashion during the second Test at Trent Bridge.

Bell, then on 137, was run out off the last ball before tea on Sunday's third day.

Having completed three runs with Eoin Morgan after Praveen Kumar's misfield, he sprinted off the field believing the ball had gone for four and was consequently 'dead'.

In fact it was still 'live' and a stunned Bell was eventually given out.

England coach Andy Flower and captain Andrew Strauss went to the visitors' dressing room at tea to ask India, whose coach is ex-England supremo Duncan Fletcher, if they wanted the appeal to stand.

And towards the end of the interval, India reinstated Bell.

Bell admitted he was "naive and a bit stupid" and Dravid said: "It happens, it's part of the game.

"Everyone makes mistakes. We took his word he wasn't attempting a run and that's where it stands.

"If the tables were turned, I don't think our guys would have felt nice about it. That was one of the themes that was being discussed when we came in, what if it was one of our guys?"

India were lauded by International Cricket Council (ICC) chief executive Haroon Lorgat and England counterpart David Collier for their sportsmanship even though Bell had been given out correctly.

"I hoped they (England) would have done the same thing. Obviously, if you look at the laws and adhere to them strictly, then probably he was out," said Dravid, who praised India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni's leadership.

"But just in the spirit of the game it didn't feel right. Dhoni led a team meeting at tea-time in which the issue was discussed and there was unanimity that we should reinstate Ian Bell because it fell in that grey area and we felt in the spirit of the game he probably wasn't out."

Bell was eventually out for 159, caught at slip off leftarm spinner Yuvraj Singh but by then he'd added a further 69 runs in a fourth-wicket stand with Eoin Morgan worth 104 in total.

England, at stumps were 441 for six in their second innings.

That meant India were already 374 runs behind with two days remaining as they looked to get back on level terms after a 196-run defeat at Lord's in the first of this four-Test series.

Bell, who said England had erred in not recalling Grant Elliott after the New Zealand batsman was run out after a collision with bowler Ryan Sidebottom during a one-day international at The Oval in 2008, praised the way India dealt with Sunday's incident.

"The way they handled the situation was fantastic. It was the right decision for the way we want to play this series, and how cricket wants to be played.

"It's difficult to say what we would have done out in the middle -- would we have gone for the 'out' decision? Probably not."

# **Colts ink Manning to long-term contract**



INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning has signed a new long-term contract, fulfilling the Colts' "top priority" as the NFL season approaches.

Colts owner Jim Irsay said Saturday he was "thrilled" to sign the only four-time Most Valuable Player in NFL his-

Details of the contract were not released, but it has been reported to be worth \$90 million over five years.

"Signing Peyton was a top

priority for this organization and we are thrilled that the deal is complete," Irsay said in a statement released by the team. "We feel that it is a salary cap friendly deal and it allows us more flexibility."

Manning's new deal comes almost five months after the Colts used the "franchise" tag to prevent Manning from negotiating with any other teams as a free agent.

Had Manning signed the one-year franchise player offer, he would have made \$23.1 million this season.

By taking a long-term deal, Manning gives the Colts more room to maneuver under the salary cap.

While Manning is expected to report on schedule to training camp, coach Jim Caldwell said Friday he didn't expect him to practice right away as he continues to recover from neck surgery performed in May.

The Colts said they will place Manning on the physically unable to perform list. He can't practice until he is taken off the list.

"There is every medical indication that he is progressing steadily, team neurosurgeon Hank Feuer said in a statement

"While he looks fine, he still has some rehabilitation to go. Recovery from disc surgery is unpredictable and it is not a medical concern that he is not ready at this time."

Manning has been a model of durability in his 14-year NFL career, starting all 227 regular-season and playoff games.





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## After prison, Burress to return to league with Jets

NEW YORK (AFP) - Plaxico Burress, who vowed to resume his NFL career after serving a prison sentence on a gun charge, will get his second chance with the New York Jets.

Burress, a former star receiver and Super Bowl hero for the New York Giants, reached an agreement in principle on a one-year deal with the Jets on Sunday, the NFL team said.

Burress caught a 13-yard touchdown pass from Eli Manning with 35 seconds remaining in the 2008 Super Bowl to give the Giants a 17-14 victory over New England and spoil the Patriots' bid for an unde-

feated championship run.

But Burress walked into a Manhattan nightclub in November of 2008 with a gun tucked in the top of his trousers. The gun slipped down and a shot was fired as he tried to grab the gun, wounding Burress in the thigh.

Burress had no permit to carry a weapon in New York. A permit to carry the weapon in Florida had expired.

In August of 2009, Burress pleaded guilty to attempted criminal weapons possession and was sentenced to two years in prison, but his release in June came three months early for good behavior.



# Dyson pips Green to win dramatic Irish Open

KILLARNEY (AFP) - England's Simon Dyson won the Irish Open in dramatic fashion on Sunday as he held off a ferocious challenge from Australia's Richard Green to take the title by one shot.

Dyson carded a four under par 67 to finish on 15 under for the tournament and that was enough to secure the fifth title of his career.

The 33-year-old finished his round tied with Green at the top of the leaderboard and he had to endure a nervous wait to see if the Australian would win the trophy with a birdie on the 18th hole or at least force a play-off with a par.

Green had led by one shot on several occasions during the final round, only to crack at the last hole as a bogey dropped him to 14 under and gifted Dyson his first title since his triumph at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship two years ago.

Scotland's Stephen Gallacher birdied the last to finish third on 12 under, one place ahead of Austrian



Bernd Wiesberger on 11 under.

England's David Howell, who had been in a three-way tie with Dyson and Green at the top of the leaderboard overnight, was unable to maintain his momentum and ended tied for eighth place after a two over par 73.

It was a remarkable finale to a gripping final round that saw the lead change hands right up to the 18th.

Green had hit four birdies in the front nine but Dyson

responded with four of his own after the turn to keep the pressure on.

That set the stage for drama at the last. Dyson missed a nine-foot birdie chance on the 18th, but left-hander Green -- playing in the group behind -- couldn't take advantage.

Meanwhile, US Open champion Rory McIlroy's disappointing tournament finished on a suitably downbeat note as he carded a round of 71, leaving him well behind the leaders at three under par.

#### **MLB Standings**

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| NY YANKEES      | 61 | 40 | .604 | 2.0  | ATLANTA         | 60 | 44 | .577 | 6.0  |  |
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| TORONTO         | 51 | 52 | .495 | 13   | WASHINGTON      | 50 | 53 | .485 | 15.5 |  |
| BALTIMORE       | 41 | 58 | .414 | 21.0 | FLORIDA         | 49 | 53 | .480 | 16.0 |  |
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| CHICAGO         | 50 | 52 | .490 | 4.5  | PITTSBURG       | 53 | 48 | .525 | 1.0  |  |
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| KANSAS          | 43 | 60 | .417 | 12.0 | CHICAGO         | 42 | 61 | .408 | 13.0 |  |
| West            |    |    | _    |      | HOUSTON         | 33 |    | .320 |      |  |
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| TEXAS           | 59 |    | .567 |      | SAN FRANCISCO   | 59 | 44 | .573 |      |  |
| LA ANGELES      | 57 |    | .543 | 2.5  | ARIZONA         | 56 | 47 | .544 | 3.0  |  |
| DAKLAND         | 46 |    | .447 | 12.5 | COLORADO        | 48 | 56 | .462 | 11.5 |  |
| SEATTLE         | 43 | 60 | .417 | 15.5 | LA DODGERS      | 47 | 56 | .456 | 12.0 |  |
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#### Sun topples Hackett's 10-year-old Serena downs Bartoli record



#### Sun Yang

SHANGHAI (AFP) - Chinese teenager Sun Yang toppled swimming's oldest world record Sunday when he shattered Grant Hackett's 10-year mark in the men's 1500m, ensuring a rousing finish to the Shanghai world championships.

Sun, roared on by a capacity crowd, put on a devastating burst over the last 100 metres as he made up a deficit of more than two seconds to touch in 14min 34.14sec, 0.42sec inside Hackett's mark set at the 2001 world championships.

America's Ryan Lochte

claimed a superb fifth gold stuttering medal, and Olympic great Michael Phelps enjoyed a successful final night when he helped the United States defend their 4x100m medley title.

British backstroker Liam Tancock secured a second pool gold for next year's Olympic hosts and American Jessica Hardy, who was serving a drugs ban at the last world championships, won the 50m breaststroke.

But it was the 19-year-old Sun who made the eighth and final evening his own with his historic 1500m triumph, to add to his 800m title and 400m silver won earlier in Shanghai.

"I was not obsessed with the world record before the final, because I wanted to focus on my plan -- my goal was to win the gold," Sun

"I'm so grateful to the whole Chinese team, including my coach and my parents as well, and I think the world record belongs to all of them.'

The Zhenjiang native led from start to finish to break the only men's mark to survive the infamous super-suits era, when muscle-compressing swimwear helped set more than 200 global bests in just two years.

Lochte, the only other record-setter in Shanghai, underlined his current supremacy with his fifth gold medal in the 400m individual medley, matching Phelps' haul from 2009.

## for Stanford title



STANFORD (AFP) - Former world number one Serena Williams surged past Marion Bartoli 7-5, 6-1 Sunday to win the WTA Stanford crown, her first title in more than a year signalling her US Open intentions.

Williams, a 13-time Grand

Slam champion who is battling to rebuild her ranking after an injury layoff of almost a year, claimed her first title since Wimbledon 2010.

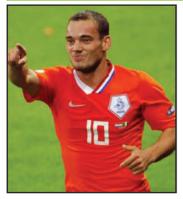
The American was twice down a break in the opening set, but broke Bartoli as the French third seed served for the set at

That launched a roll of eight straight games to the American as she pocketed the first set and took a 5-0 lead in the second.

After Bartoli held serve for 5-1, Williams served out the match after one hour and 22 minutes.

With the victory Williams avenged her fourthround loss to Bartoli at Wimbledon and showed that even though her ranking has fallen to 169 she could be a contender at the last Grand Slam of the year, the US Open that starts in New York on August

#### Sneijder keeps door open on United move



DUBLIN (AFP) - Wesley Sneijder on Sunday kept the door open to a possible £35 million switch to Manchester United.

The Inter Milan midfielder has been strongly linked with a move to the Premier League champions, and speculation continued this weekend despite recent comments from United boss Sir Alex Ferguson that the club would make no further signings this

The Dutch international played 75 minutes in Sunday's 3-0 defeat to Manchester City in the Dublin Super Cup, and then refused to dismiss the speculation that he may end up on the other side of Manchester this season.

"There is always a chance something will happen but we will see," said the former Real Madrid star.

"What is going to happen we will see, but I am a happy guy. There is always speculation, every year. I have been at the highest level for ten years and there is always speculation, but look, I am still here.

"I am happy to train every day with my colleagues and play my games for the fans and every one at the club and whatever happens after that, we will see.'

